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AGRICULTURE AND FARMING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION -- Lidova Demokracie, No 229, 1 Oct 48

Instead of the expected harvest of 147,000 carloads of wheat in 1947, only 85,360 were harvested, or 58 percent. Instead of the expected 128,000 carloads of rye, only 98,760 were harvested, or 77 percent of the plan. Instead of 914,000 carloads of potatoes, 467,776 carloads were harvested, or about 51 percent. Instead of 483,000 carloads of sugar beets, only 240,7 carloads were harvested, or half the expected quantity.

In livestock production, the plan was fulfilled inadequately in the first half of 1948; thus the production of beef in Czechoslovakia in the first 6 months of 1948 was 46,327 tons, in contrast with the expected production of over 80,000 tons, that is, only 58 percent. Production of pork was 71,382 tons instead of the expected 135,000, that is 54 percent. Instead of the expected production of over 16 million hectoliters of milk, only 10 million were produced, or 62 percent. As a result of the failure of the agricultural plan, the food industry could not fulfill its plan; the latter fulfilled its plan only 71.5 percent in 1947, and 82.8 percent for the first half of 1948.

GRAIN HARVEST IN BOHEMIA -- Svobodne Slovo, No 211, 10 Sep 48

In the Czech Provinces the harvest of wheat had been 99 percent completed on 7 September; rye, 100 percent; barley, 99 percent; oats, 97 percent; and beets, 100 percent. The following areas had a 100 percent harvest in the above agricultural products: Benešov, Mladá Boleslav, Havlíčkův Brod, Brdce Kralovic, Kolín, Tabor, Uherské Hradiště, and Jihlava.

FALL PLANTING -- Slobodne Slovo, No 209, 8 Sep 48

In certain places in Kolin Krai 30 and more quintals of grain per hectare

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have been harvested.

Autumn work has begun in the fields. In Bohemia 62 percent of the ground has been plowed, and in Moravia, 71 percent. In Bohemia 21 percent of the plowed land has been planted with stubble crops; in Moravia, 20 percent. In Bohemia, 1,645 hectares have been planted with oil plants; in Moravia, 880 hectares.

HOPS HARVEST -- Svobodna Slovo, No 210, 9 Sep 48

The 1948 harvest of hops was estimated in advance at from 95,000 to 105,000 light hundredweights. In the Czech Provinces 15,859 full hundredweights of hops of previous years are in storage to date.

HAY HARVEST IN CZECH PROVINCES -- Lidova Demokracie, No 232, 5 Oct 48

According to a report sent by J. Duris, Minister of Agriculture, to Prime Minister A. Zapotocky on the progress of the harvesting of hay and fodder, and the autumn field work, up to 26 September 1948, the hay harvest in the Czech Provinces in the interior was carried out 100 percent. In the border districts, of the entire area of 275,107 hectares, 272,867 hectares or 99.1 percent were reaped; 272,423 hectares or 99 percent were harvested. In harvesting, only 2,240 hectares remained to be harvested.

By 26 September, 147,299 hectares of late potatoes had been harvested, that is, 46.2 percent of the entire area to be harvested. One thousand two hundred hectares of sugar beets, 0.8 percent, 32 hectares of chicory, 1.3 percent, and 6,153 hectares of feed beets, 5.9 percent, had also been harvested.

Plowing is 81 percent finished in the Czech Provinces, and fall plowing, to the extent of 552,919 hectares, which is 21.2 percent. As for winter sowing, 98,647 hectares of rye have been sown in the Czech Provinces, or 19.8 percent of the plan; 49,539 hectares of wheat, or 10.8 percent; and 14,200 hectares of winter beets, or 94.6 percent.

FERTILIZER PRICES -- Uredni List, No 209, 5 Sep 48

The Supreme Price Administration in a decree of 3 September 1948 establishes the following maximum retail prices for artificial fertilizer (prices are quoted in crowns per 100 kilograms);

	Calculated % of substance	With added iron	Without added iron
Nitrous fertilizers			
Calcareous saltpeter	15.5 N	309	312
Moravian saltpeter	20.5 N	401	404
Super-saltpeter	20 N	450	453
Ammonium nitrate	34.2 N	577	580
Calcium nitrate	20 N	518	521
Ammonium sulfate	21 N	403	406
Phosphorous fertilizers			
Superphosphate	16.5 P ₂ O ₅	276	279
Thomas meal:			
Vitkovice	15 P ₂ O ₅	188	191
Kladno	16.5 P ₂ O ₅	400	203

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	Calculated % of substance	With added iron	Without added iron
Potassium fertilizers			
Potassium salt	40 K ₂ O	259	262
Electrolyte	40 K ₂ O	259	262
Combined fertilizer			
Citrate-phosphorus	7N, 13 P ₂ O ₅	463	439

Effective 1 September 1948, the price may be raised one crown for each kilometer from the place of supply.

PRODUCTION OF MILK IN JULY -- Lidova Demokracie, No 222, 23 Sep 48

In Czech territory in July 1948 on an average day of milking, 3.7 liters of milk per cow were produced, that is, 30.8 percent less than before the war. If one takes into account 1,359,597 cows (officially announced 1 July 1948), and adds the 208,996 hectoliters of milk, the estimated amount used by calves, it is possible to estimate the over-all production of milk at 1,755,393 hectoliters, a daily average per cow of about 4.2 liters. From January to the end of July 1948, 9,059,027 hectoliters of milk were produced, that is, 1,806,667 hectoliters less (16.6 percent) than in 1947 for the same period. In July 1948, 868,613 hectoliters of milk and 77,688 kilograms of butter were delivered to milk collectors. In comparison with June, this was an increase of 69,303 hectoliters or 8 percent. From January to the end of July 1948, 4,848,969 hectoliters of milk were delivered to milk collectors, that is, 984,170 hectoliters (16.9 percent) less than in the same period of 1947. Of the milk produced in July 1948, 529,977 hectoliters of milk with 2 percent fat content were produced by the dairy industry, compared with 496,177 hectoliters in June. In July 1948, 10,519 hectoliters of milk were delivered directly to consumers.

Deliveries of milk in the last third of August were not at all satisfactory. In the Czech Provinces on the average only 86.5 percent was delivered; this is only an insignificant increase of 0.6 percent.

MILK PRODUCTION IN KLADNO -- Uredni List, No 209, 5 Sep 48

Milk production increased 7.62 percent in Kladno district in July 1948.

PRODUCTION OF EGGS IN JULY -- Lidova Demokracie, No 222, 23 Sep 48

There were officially 7,979,430 hens on 15 July 1948. These hens laid 101,751,337 eggs in July, according to official statistics. The average collection from each hen was 12.8 eggs in July. In comparison with the average collection in July 1947, the July 1948 collection was greater by 1.6 eggs.

MEAT PRODUCTION IN JUNE -- Svobodne Slovo, No 211, 10 Sep 48

In Czech provinces in June 1948, according to official data, 38,614 head of cattle, 36,539 calves, 94,614 pigs, including suckling pigs (23,554 were slaughtered domestically), 975 sheep, 550 goats, and 1,191 horses were slaughtered. In all, 172,483 animals were slaughtered. From these animals the following amounts of meat were obtained: 68,874 quintals of beef, 12,910 quintals of veal, 185 quintals of mutton, 86 quintals of goat meat, 2,384 quintals of horse meat, 12,746 quintals of fat, and 2,082 quintals of beef, mutton, and goat tallow.

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MEAT PRODUCTION -- Rude Pravo, No 311, 2 Oct 48

According to a report by Engineer L. Frejka, director, national economic section, Chancellery of the President of the Republic, in the first months of 1948 only 58 percent of the beef quota, 54 percent of the pork quota, and 62 percent of the milk quota were produced.

SUGAR REFINERIES -- Lidove Noviny, No 249, 23 Oct 48

On 21 October, there were 61 sugar refineries in operation in Bohemia, 21 in Moravia, and four in Slovakia: a total of 86. About one half of these plants exceed the norm in competition, not only in output but also in economy and quality of production. The sugar refineries have undertaken 24 million quintals of beets. More than 7 million quintals of beets had been processed by 21 October.

NEW FLAX PLANTING -- Svobodne Slovo, No 237, 10 Oct 48

Sections of the unsettled land in the border districts of western Bohemia have been planted with flax. There is a lack of manpower, and volunteer brigades of students, teachers, etc., are helping in the harvest.

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